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Ms. Marija Tresoglavic  
Acting Commission Secretary and Manager  
Regulatory Support  
British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)  
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
Site C Clean Energy Project (the Project)  
Quarterly Progress Report and Commission Staff Information Requests**

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BC Hydro is writing to the BCUC with regard to the response date for the Commission staff information requests that we received on October 22, 2020 and to update the Commission on the timing of the filing of the next Site C Quarterly Progress Report.

**Commission Staff Information Requests**

BC Hydro acknowledges receipt of the questions from the Commission staff related to the 2019 Site C Annual Report No. 4 and Quarterly Progress Report No. 19 that we filed on July 31, 2020. The Commission staff have requested that we respond by November 19, 2020.

As we stated in the two progress reports filed with the Commission in July, the Project was managing significant cost pressures prior to COVID-19. Pandemic-related costs and delays, along with the need for foundation enhancements on the right bank, have presented additional cost pressures on the Project budget.

BC Hydro is currently going through a process of re-baselining the Project budget and schedule. This process consists of the Project team reviewing the resources, costs and time required to complete all remaining work on the Project. At the same time, the government has engaged an independent review of the Project that we expect may address a number of the issues that the Commission staff are inquiring about.

BC Hydro will be responding to all of the Commission staff information requests. However, BC Hydro believes that it should refrain from providing responses until after the independent review has been completed and after the Government has received the consultant's final report of findings and recommendations. Therefore, taking into account the independent review, BC Hydro's desire to be fully responsive to the Commission

information requests and existing resource constraints, we are advising the Commission staff that BC Hydro will not be able to provide its responses by November 19, 2020, but instead will be providing responses after the completion of the independent review. At this time, we are not able to provide a firm filing date, but we are committed to providing an update as soon as its available.

### **Site C Quarterly Report**

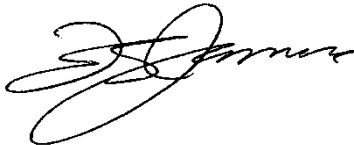
BC Hydro would normally be filing its next Site C Quarterly Progress Report at this time of year. BC Hydro has voluntarily provided the BCUC with Site C Quarterly Progress Reports since the start of Project construction to be transparent about the Project's progress, accomplishments and challenges.

As noted above, the government is completing an independent review of the Project and BC Hydro is currently going through a process of re-baselining the Project budget and schedule.

BC Hydro has determined that, taking into account the updated information being prepared, it will not be filing the next progress report until the re-baselining process and the independent Project Review are completed. BC Hydro will also be providing a revised filing date regarding the Site C Quarterly Progress Report as soon as it is available.

For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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